

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A decoder for controlling the display of a plurality of digital television channels in respective windows of a mosaic formation, wherein said decoder is configured to comprising:
~~means for receive~~[[ing]] at least one encrypted program;
receive a mosaic comprising a plurality of unencrypted programs, including the at least one encrypted program in unencrypted form;
display the mosaic;
receive a selection for the at least one encrypted program in unencrypted form in the mosaic; and
determine whether complete access rights exist for the selected program;
wherein the decoder is configured to prohibit one of audio access or visual access to the selected program in the mosaic upon a determination that complete access rights are not available for the corresponding at least one encrypted program, wherein the one of audio access or visual access is prohibited after a predetermined length of time
~~access rights to one of a programme and a channel, and means for permitting one of only audio access or only visual access by the user to said one of the programme and the channel displayed in said windows when the user is not permitted complete access to said one of the programme and the channel.~~
2. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The decoder according to Claim 1, comprising means for receiving wherein the decoder receives access rights data together with audiovisual data for creating the mosaic.
3. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The decoder according to Claim 2, comprising means for issuing wherein the decoder is further configured to issue a request for full audio and visual access to one of a channel and a program[[me]] displayed in a window.
4. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The decoder according to claim 1, comprising means for generating wherein the decoder is further configured to generate a cursor for display with the mosaic

formation, said cursor being selectively movable over the windows of the mosaic formation to enable selection of a desired window within the mosaic formation.

5. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The decoder according to Claim 4, ~~comprising means for generating~~ wherein the decoder is further configured to generate audio information associated with a particular channel in response to the positioning of the cursor over a said window displaying said particular channel.
6. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The decoder according to Claim 5, ~~comprising means for prohibiting~~ wherein the decoder is further configured to prohibit the generation of said audio information according to the received access rights.
7. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The decoder according to Claim 6, wherein the decoder is configured to prohibiting ~~means is adapted to~~ prohibit the generation of said audio information if the cursor is positioned over said window for longer than a predetermined length of time.
8. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The decoder according to Claim 3, wherein the ~~issuing means~~ decoder is arranged automatically to issue said request when [[said]] a cursor has been positioned over that window for a predetermined period of time.
9. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The decoder according to Claim 4, ~~comprising means for~~ wherein the decoder is further configured to automatically re-positioning the cursor in the event that the cursor is placed over a said window displaying one of a program[[me]] or a channel to which full audio and visual access is prohibited.
10. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The decoder according to Claim 9, wherein ~~said re-positioning means is adapted to re-position~~ the cursor is re-positioned after the expiration of a predetermined period of time.
11. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The decoder according to claim 4, ~~comprising means for changing~~ wherein an attribute of the cursor is changed depending on a characteristic of at least one of the program[[me]] and channel displayed in a window over which the cursor is positioned.
12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The decoder according to Claim 11, wherein ~~said changing means is arranged to change the colour~~ a color of said cursor is changed depending on said characteristic of at least one of a program[[me]] and a channel displayed in the window over which the cursor is positioned.
14. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The decoder according to claim 11, ~~comprising means for receiving wherein the decoder receives~~ data for assigning said characteristic from a remote control handset associated with the decoder and ~~means for assigning~~ assigns said characteristic in response to said received data.
15. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The decoder according to claim 4, ~~comprising means for tuning wherein the decoder is turned~~ to a channel displayed in the desired window upon selection of the desired window.
16. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The decoder according to claim 4, comprising means for generating a display comprising information regarding the program[[me]] displayed in the desired window upon selection of the desired window.
17. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The decoder according to claim 1, wherein said decoder is further comprising means for generating configured to:
generate a cursor for display with the mosaic formation, said cursor being selectively movable over the windows of the mosaic formation to enable selection of a desired window within the mosaic formation,
~~means for generating~~ generate a display comprising information regarding the program[[me]] displayed in the desired window upon selection of the desired window, and
~~means for communicating~~ communicate with a communications centre to obtain said information regarding the program[[me]] displayed in the desired window.
18. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The decoder according to claim 16, comprising means for communicating with a communications centre to obtain said information regarding the program[[me]] displayed in the desired window.

19. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The decoder according to claim 18, wherein the decoder said communication means comprises a modem for dialing up said communications centre to supply a request for said information to the communications centre.
20. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The decoder according to claim 4, ~~comprising means for generating~~ wherein the decoder is further configured to generate a display comprising a forthcoming program[[me]] schedule for the channel displayed in the desired window upon selection of the desired window.
21. (Canceled)
22. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The decoder according to claim 20, wherein said forthcoming program[[me]] schedule comprises a textual display of program[[me]] schedule information.
23. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The decoder according to claim 20, wherein said forthcoming program[[me]] schedule comprises a display of a plurality of pictorial images associated with respective forthcoming program[[me]]s in respective windows of a mosaic formation.
24. – 26. (Canceled)
27. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The decoder according to claim 23, wherein at least one of said plurality of pictorial images comprises video footage associated with the respective forthcoming program[[me]].
28. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The decoder according to claim 1, wherein said decoder is configured ~~receiving means is adapted~~ to receive said access rights from a remote control handset associated with the decoder.
29. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The decoder according to claim 28, wherein said decoder is further configured ~~receiving means is adapted~~ to receive a PIN number from the remote control handset, wherein said decoder ~~comprising means for~~ authenticates[[ing]] the received PIN number and, upon authentication of the received PIN number, permits[[ting]] reception of the access rights.
30. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The decoder according to claim 1, wherein the decoder prohibits ~~comprising means for prohibiting~~ the generation of at least a portion of video information in

said windows in dependence on the access rights to one of a program[[me]] and a channel displayed in that window.

31. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The decoder according to claim 30, ~~comprising means for controlling~~ wherein the decoder controls the display of a picture in said window instead of said at least a portion of video information.
32. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The decoder according to claim 31, wherein said picture comprises a logo associated with the channel displayed in said window.
33. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The decoder according to claim 31, wherein said picture comprises an image associated with the program[[me]] displayed in said window.
34. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The decoder according to claim 30, ~~comprising means for controlling~~ wherein the decoder controls the display of an advertisement in said window instead of said at least a portion of video information.
35. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The decoder according to claim 30, ~~comprising means for controlling~~ wherein the decoder controls the display of further video information in said window instead of said at least a portion of video information.
36. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The decoder according to claim 35, wherein said further video information comprises promotional video information.
37. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The decoder according to claim 1, ~~comprising means for generating~~ wherein the decoder is further configured to generate a message informing a user of the access rights to one of a program[[me]] and a channel in the event of the positioning of the cursor on a said window displaying said one of a program[[me]] and a channel.
38. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The decoder according to claim 1, ~~comprising~~ wherein the decoder ~~positional control means for controlling~~ is configured to positionally control the relative positions of said windows within the mosaic formation, wherein the relative position of said windows is controlled based on the access rights to the programs displayed in the mosaic.
39. – 50. (Canceled)

51. (Currently Amended) A method of controlling the display of a plurality of digital television channels in respective windows of a mosaic formation, comprising:
receiving at least one encrypted program;
receiving a mosaic comprising a plurality of unencrypted programs, including the at least one encrypted program in unencrypted form;
displaying the mosaic;
receiving a selection for the at least one encrypted program in unencrypted form in the mosaic; and
determining whether complete access rights exist for the selected program;
wherein the decoder is configured to prohibit one of audio access or visual access to the selected program in the mosaic upon a determination that complete access rights are not available for the corresponding at least one encrypted program, wherein the one of audio access or visual access is prohibited after a predetermined length of time
~~access rights to one of a programme and a channel, and permitting one of only audio access or only visual access by the user to said one of the programme and the channel displayed in a said window when the user is not permitted complete access to said one of the programme and the channel.~~
52. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to claim 51, wherein the access rights are received together with audiovisual data for creating the mosaic.
53. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to claim 51, wherein a cursor is generated for display with the mosaic formation, said cursor being selectively movable over the windows of the mosaic formation to enable selection of a desired window within the mosaic formation.
54. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to claim 53, wherein audio information associated with a particular channel is generated in response to the positioning of the cursor over a said window displaying said particular channel.
55. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to claim 54, wherein the generation of said audio information is prohibited according to the received access rights.

56. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to claim 55, wherein the generation of said audio information is prohibited if the cursor is positioned over said window for longer than a predetermined length of time.
57. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to claim 53, wherein the cursor is automatically re-positioned in the event that the cursor is placed over a said window displaying one of a program[[me]] or a channel to which full audio and visual access is prohibited.
58. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to claim 57, wherein the cursor is repositioned after the expiry of a predetermined period of time.
59. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to claim 53, wherein an attribute of the cursor is changed depending on a characteristic of at least one of the program[[me]] and channel displayed in the window over which the cursor is positioned.
60. (Canceled)
61. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to claim 59, wherein the colour of said cursor is changed depending on said characteristic of at least one of the program[[me]] and channel displayed in the window over which the cursor is positioned.
62. – 64. (Canceled)
65. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to claim 51, further comprising:
generating a cursor for display with the mosaic formation, said cursor being selectively movable over the windows of the mosaic formation to enable selection of a desired window within the mosaic formation,
generating a display comprising information regarding the program[[me]] displayed in the desired window upon selection of the desired window, and
communicating with a communications centre to obtain said information regarding the program[[me]] displayed in the desired window.
66. – 75. (Canceled)
76. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to claim 51, wherein said access rights are received from a remote control handset associated with the decoder.

77. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to claim 76, wherein a PIN number is received from the remote control handset, the received PIN number being authenticated to, upon authentication of the received PIN number, permit reception of the access rights.
78. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to claim 51, wherein the generation of at least a portion of video information in a said window is prohibited in dependence on the access rights to one of a program[[me]] and a channel displayed in that window.
79. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to Claim 78, wherein a picture is displayed in said window instead of said at least a portion of video information.
80. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to Claim 79, wherein said picture comprises a logo associated with the channel displayed in said window.
81. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to Claim 80, wherein said picture comprises an image associated with the program[[me]] displayed in said window.
82. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to Claim 78, wherein an advertisement is displayed in said window instead of said at least a portion of video information.
83. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to Claim 78, wherein further video information is displayed in said window instead of said at least a portion of video information.
84. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to Claim 83, wherein said further video information comprises promotional video information.
85. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to claim 51, wherein a message is generated informing a user of the access rights to one of a program[[me]] and a channel in the event of the positioning of the cursor on a said window displaying said one of a program[[me]] and a channel.
86. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to claim 51, comprising controlling the relative positions of said windows within the mosaic formation.

87. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to Claim 86, wherein the relative positions of said windows are controlled in response to the received access rights to the channels or program[[me]]s displayed in said windows.

88. – 109. (Canceled)

110. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to claim 59, wherein data for assigning said characteristic is received from a remote control handset associated with the decoder, said characteristic being assigned in response to the received data.

111. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to claim 53, wherein the decoder is turned to a channel displayed in the desired window is generated upon selection of the desired window.

112. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to claim 53, wherein a display comprising information regarding the program displayed in the desired window is generated upon selection of the desired window.

113. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to claim 53, wherein a display comprising a forthcoming program schedule for the channel displayed in the desired window is generated upon selection of the desired window.

114. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to claim 53, wherein a forthcoming program schedule comprises a textual display of program schedule information.

115. (Canceled)

116. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to claim 53, wherein a forthcoming program schedule comprises a display of a plurality of pictorial images associated with respective forthcoming programs in respective windows of a mosaic formation.

117. – 118. (Canceled)

119. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to claim 65, wherein the generation of at least a portion of video information in said window is prohibited in dependence on the access rights to one of a program and a channel displayed in that window.

120. – 126. (Canceled)

127. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]]~~ The method according to claim 86, wherein the relative positions of said windows of the mosaic formation are controlled in response to received window positioning data for controlling the relative positions of said windows within the mosaic formation.

128. – 130. (Canceled)

131. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]]~~ method according to claim 86, wherein the relative positions of the windows of the mosaic formation are controlled according to a program characteristic of programs normally shown on the channels displayed in the windows.

132. – 134. (Canceled)

135. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]]~~ The method according to claim 86, wherein a window displaying one of a particular channel and a particular program is maintained in a constant position in the mosaic formation.

136. – 140. (Canceled)

141. (Currently Amended) A decoder for controlling the display of a plurality of digital television channels ~~in respective windows of a mosaic formation~~, said decoder comprising:

means for receiving a first encrypted program and a second encrypted program;

means for displaying a mosaic comprising a plurality of unencrypted programs, including the first encrypted program and the second encrypted program in unencrypted form;

means for receiving a selection from a user for access to the first encrypted program displayed in unencrypted form in the mosaic; and

means for ~~receiving~~ determining whether complete access rights ~~[[to]]~~ exist for the selected first encrypted program; and a second program displayed in the mosaic formation;

wherein the decoder is configured to prohibit one of audio access and visual access to the unencrypted form of the selected first encrypted program displayed in the mosaic upon a determination that complete access rights are not available for the first encrypted program, and

wherein the one of audio access or visual access is prohibited after a predetermined length of time.

~~means for determining whether a user is permitted complete access to the first program based on the access rights associated with the user;~~

~~means for permitting one of only audio access or only visual access by the user to the first program while the first program is displayed in said windows of the mosaic formation, when the user is not permitted complete access to the first program; and means for providing complete audio and visual access to the user to the first program, when the user is permitted complete access to the first program.~~

142. (Currently Amended) [[A]] decoder according to claim 141, further comprising:

means for determining whether a user is permitted complete access to the second encrypted program based on the access rights associated with the user;

means for permitting one of only audio access or only visual access by the user to the unencrypted form of the second encrypted program while the second program is displayed in said windows of the mosaic formation, when the user is not permitted complete access to the second encrypted program; and

means for providing complete audio and visual access to the user to the unencrypted form of the second encrypted program, when access rights associated with the user are received for the second encrypted program ~~the user is permitted complete access to the second program.~~